(b) The details of quantity exported and supplied to NTC by CCI and the profit and loss account of these operations are as under:—

(Quantity in lakh bales)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Exports	0·81	1·81	4.78	0·09	0·02
Supplied to N.T.C.	3 85	2·92	4·39	4·64	2·88

Separate profit and loss accounts are not maintained for exports and sales to N.T.C.

Development of Buddhist Centres in Andhra Pradesh

322. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to develop Buddhist Centres in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to get grant-cum-loan from Japan for this purpose and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The Department of Tourism had constituted a Task Force for the identification and strengthening of infrastructure at Buddhist Centres in states other than U.P. and Bihar. The Central Department of Tourism have already identified projects for implementation by the State Government and also with the help of the Central assistance and private sector.

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a proposal for seeking assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan to develop Buddhist Centres for tourism. The Government of Japan have clarified that funds for development of Buddhist Centres of other States would be considered only after the completion of the projects undertaken in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Irrigation projects received from Andhra Pradesh pending clearance

323. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the irrigation projects received from Andhra Pradesh which are still pending with the Central Government for clearance and since when these are pending ; and

(b) what are the reasons for not clearing these projects so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA) : (a) and (b) Out of the 3 major and 6 medium irrigation projects received at the Centre from 1979 to 1989 one major project, namely, Jurala Project, has been techno-economically appraised in April, 1988 and requires environmental and forest clearance to be obtained by the State Government. The other two major pro-

jects, namely, Telugu Ganga and Vamsadhara Stage-II, though techno-economically appraised in April, 1988 and October, 1988, respectively, require resolution of inter-State issues. Vamsadhara Stage-II. Project also requires clearance from forest and environmental angles and the State Government is to furnish the details of rehabilitation plan to the Union Department of Welfare. Six medium irrigation projects have been examined at the Centre and observations have been sent to the State Government between November, 1988 and August, 1989. There is no further response from the State Government.

Effecting hike in HRA and CCA from 1st April, 1986

324. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'HRA, CCA hike Effective from April 1, 1986' which appreared in the Times of India of the 20th January, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) The Board of Arbitration has given an Award on 19-1-1990 that House Rent Allowance and Compensatory (City) Allowance may be paid to Central Government employees at the revised rates as accepted by the Government on the basis of the recommendation of 4th Pay Commission, from 1-4-1986 instead of from 1-10-1986. The Award further provides that the amounts received by the employees in respect of the period 1st April, 1986 to 30th September, 1986 under the previous Award of the Board dated 4th January, 1989 shall be adjusted against the amounts due under this Award.

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Measures to prevent booth capturing during elections

325. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any measures to prevent booth capturing during elections; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) Specific measures like posting of substantially large number of Central forces in addition to the State police forces, identifying areas prone to booth capturing, seizure of illegal arms, restrictions on the movement of vehicles on polling day and rounding up of anti-social elements etc. had been taken during the recent Assembly elections. Further certain measures for prevention of booth capturing are under consideration of the Committee on Electoral Reforms appointed by the Government.

Expenditure on Subsidies

326. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a RBI study the total